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COVID-19 Billing Guides Updated with CPT Codes 87636, 87637, 87811

Nevada Medicaid has updated the COVID-19 General Billing Guide and the COVID-19 Community-Based Testing Billing Guide with the following new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. These codes have also been added to the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and are active for billing. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has not established reimbursement rates. Therefore, claims will suspend for payment and will be automatically reprocessed once rates have been established by CMS. These codes became effective by the American Medical Association on October 6, 2020. Claims may only be retro billed back to this date.

- 87636 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) and influenza virus types A and B, multiplex amplified probe technique.
- 87637 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), influenza virus types A and B, and respiratory syncytial virus, multiplex amplified probe technique.
- 87811 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]).

All retroactive bill dates for the COVID-19 diagnostic and serology antibody laboratory tests have also been added to both COVID-19 billing guides.

Clarification has also been added to both COVID-19 billing guides that any point of care "rapid test" for COVID-19 that is conducted by a provider type that is reimbursed an encounter rate cannot bill Nevada Medicaid for these tests. These providers can perform the service but will only be reimbursed their encounter rate. Other inpatient facilities that are reimbursed a per diem rate will also not be reimbursed outside of their per diem rate for laboratory testing. All providers must follow current policy outlined in their assigned Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter for laboratory services.

All Nevada Medicaid Fee-for-Service billing guides, including the two related to COVID-19, can be found on the Providers Billing Information webpage at: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>.